

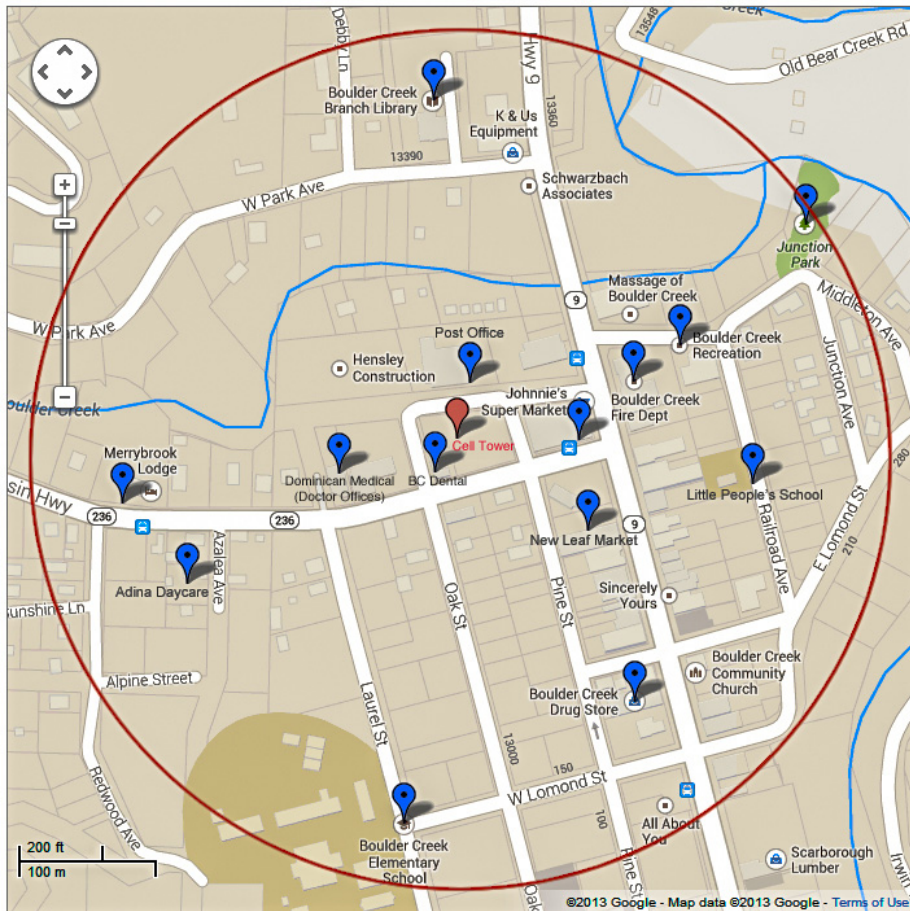
Public Hearing

Rebuttal to documents provided by Aaron DeLao
August 23, 2013 at 9am

Application 131042

APN: 081-084-05

13260 Big Basin Way, Boulder Creek, CA



The map above shows what is within 1000 feet of the proposed cell tower

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1. Wanda Williams' questions from July 19th hearing

The following questions were asked by Wanda Williams at the end of the hearing on July 19th. This is verbatim per the recording starting at 1 hour and 46 minutes, the 5th question was asked at 1 hour and 56 minutes.

- 1) *If you could identify 7 or 8 locations where you have installed similar 50, 40, 60 foot high monopines in Northern California in similar communities. So please do not provide information for me to drive to downtown San Francisco. That is not going to help me, but if you can give me some smaller communities to go and take a look at installed similar facilities. I will randomly from that 7 or 8 try and pull out 3 or 4 sites and spend a Saturday or Sunday driving around and looking at and taking photos of to try and get a better feel for how the antennas will project or look in this site in downtown Boulder Creek.*
- 2) *I would also like to ask the applicant to provide the project planner with the addresses of the alternative locations that were considered. I believe you mentioned a couple of churches and a couple of other buildings in downtown Boulder Creek. If you could provide that information to the planner in the next week. When I go out to look at this property once again I will make an effort to look at those sites as well. To get out and walk around those sites to try and determine for myself whether or not if there is the ability to install a stand alone monopine and the necessary equipment.*
- 3) *The third thing I would like to ask of the applicant is to provide us a little more justification in regarding this location. Because if your application, I will go back and look at your application, if the justification was to meet a need in Brookdale I am not quite understanding the tie in between Brookdale and Boulder Creek and how that arises. So if you could provide a little bit more clarification, at least for my edification I would appreciate that.*
- 4) *I believe you indicated you have the generator noise level information and if you could provide that to the project planner as well.*
- 5) *Why can't the ridge top site that already services Boulder Creek be expanded to accommodate this need?*

She also asked at 1 hour and 33 minutes

- 6) *Approximately, can you give me the approximate number of faux branches that would be on this tree.*

2. Verizon's answers to Wanda Williams' questions

The documents provided by Aaron DeLao at the 2nd hearing on August 23rd only answers questions 1, 2, and 4.

- 1) The answer is incomplete and the monopines given do not convince us there will be no visual impact. On the contrary, we are more worried than ever of the visual impact to our historic town, our economy, and the impact to real estate values. Another major concern we have is this one monopine becoming more, or taller, all three locations that had populations similar to ours had multiple towers at the given location.

* * * Please see Attachment A – Monopine Location Analysis (includes pictures of monopines)
CellTower_2013-09-20_A_MonopineLocationAnalysis.pdf

Issue #1 – The document provided by Aaron DeLao at the 2nd hearing August 23, 2013 only provides 6 locations, Wanda Williams asked for 7 or 8.

Issue #2 – Requested monopines installed in similar communities, but only 3 of the 6 are similar in population and size to Boulder Creek.

- * All 3 similar communities had multiple towers at the same location. This is one of our major concerns that this one tower will quickly become more.
- * None of these three locations were in downtown areas or major business sectors, unlike the Boulder Creek location.
- * Additionally, since Verizon was able to put the monopine in an area not accessible to the public or pedestrians in 2 of the 3 communities our size, why is Verizon not being required to do this in Boulder Creek as well?

Issue #3 – Correct locations of monopines not given, only 4 of the 6 addresses given were correct. 1 of the 6 was not viewable from address given.

Issue #4 – Not all installations were accessible to the public, as a pedestrian the closest you could get is 300' for La Honda (#4) and almost 1000' for Aromas (#3).

Issue #5 – Asked for installed similar 50, 40, 60 foot high monopines, only 3 of the 6 installations were the height requested (1 confirmed, 2 unknown).

Issue #6 – Only 2 of the 6 locations given have pedestrian access and public road access, like the proposed site, though neither are in their downtowns or in major business sectors.

#5 Cabrillo College in Aptos, which is similar in size and population to Boulder Creek. The monopine is located at the back of the College along with 3 total cell towers, and is 59.5' tall.

#6 in Salinas, which has a population of 150,000+, which is 30,000 times larger than Boulder Creek. The monopine is located at the entrance to Monterey County Jail, not a major pedestrian hub, and is 70' tall.

Issue #7 – The images provided by Aaron DeLao do not show the true visual impact of the monopines. Site #1 in Santa Cruz is a perfect example of manipulative photography tactics being used, please compare their images to our images on page 3-5 of attachment A.

- 2) The answer shows that they only looked at locations along Highway 9, indicating that a thorough search was not done. They also state on their fifth disqualified site New Leaf Market and we quote *"the owners were not approached as it did not seem likely that they would be amenable given the nature of their business and their clientele"*. A significant proportion of Boulder Creek's small population must be New Leaf clientele to keep the market in business. If said clientele would object to a tower in the market parking lot, why would one a mere 400' away in plain view be any more acceptable?

We also would like an updated answer to this question; we have given them multiple site suggestions, individual citizens have given them site suggestions, we have told them about the already existing site on Rebecca Drive, and we know they are looking at multiple sites. Thus we would like to know the results of that research and why this is still the only viable location for this cell tower.

- 3) Is still unanswered, and none of the locations mentioned were in Brookdale.
- 4) This question is answered but after visiting all of the sites given, the generator noise is not our only concern. Is there other equipment besides a generator which will make noise? Why is the proposed location supposedly going to be silent when every other site visited most certainly was not?
- 5) Is still unanswered.
- 6) Is still unanswered.

The documents provided a “Statement of Need” for this cell tower. This 3 page slideshow is incomplete at best. The top graph on the 2nd slide only shows January 2013 – July 2013 data usage and the bottom graph on the same slide only shows November 2012 – July 2013 data usage. These two graphs show that there is an increased amount of data usage during the summer months, this is no surprise since that is the peak of our tourist season. It also states and we quote *“The solution to this issue is a site in the town where the bulk of the usage originates”*. The data given does not show where the bulk of usage is originating from. Boulder Creek is 7.5 square miles and this proposed cell tower only covers a fraction of that. If the bulk of the usage is coming from Boulder Creek Golf and Country Club or the Garrahan Park area then this cell tower will not solve the problem since neither of these areas are covered by this proposed cell tower.

* * * Please see Attachment B – Proposed coverage per Verizon’s Maps
CellTower_2013-09-20_B_CoverageMaps.pdf

We have a pending unanswered request with Verizon and the Planning department for clarification regarding Verizon’s maps provided in the staff report on pages 35, 37, and 38. These maps have no scale and don’t show any streets besides the main highways, even the highways are not labeled, making it very hard for the general public to understand their meaning and what they are showing. They don’t even label where Boulder Creek or Brookdale are. Also it only shows the coverage objective, it does not tell us the strength of the coverage in each area and how the signal will be affected by terrain and other factors. We formally request that Verizon provides maps that have a scale, show streets and highways with labels, label where Boulder Creek and Brookdale are, and show the coverage of the proposed tower with the strength of the signal clearly labeled, as well as how the terrain and other factors will affect the signal. These maps should also show each of their products, not just 4G.

It should also be noted that the entire slideshow only pertains to data for their 4G network. 4G is their newest service which they launched on December 5, 2010. How is 3G, 2G, voice services, and messaging going to be affected? Are there any current issues with any of these services?

They also stated on their 3rd slide and we quote *“with the area data grown growing [sic] at well over 100% per year”*, the data they have provided does not tell us this, because it only gives us 7 to 9 months worth of data.

It appears quite clear to us that Verizon is not complying with the request of the planning department or working with the public they state they are serving. What actions are going to be taken to get the applicant to comply with the planning department and answer the public’s questions in a timely manner?